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THE MONROE DOCTRINE

With feeble voice, but still audible, delegates to the peace conference have mentioned the Monroe doctrine, dear to the hearts of all Americans. This doctrine has been an irritant to aggressive European nations that wanted to exploit South American countries for many years. It has never been openly attacked, but it has been the cause of numerous murmurings. It is pretty generally believed that Germany would have attacked it had it not been for Cleveland's virile ultimatum to England, followed by Richard Olney's masterly letter-if, indeed, one was necessary. There was nothing elliptical or wanting in Cleveland's deliverance.

Wilson may give ground on any of the fourteen points laid down in his famous formula. On the Monroe doctrine he will stand firm and inflexible as adamant. It is a part of our national faith and cannot be disturbed or removed without weakening and endangering the entire structure.

Neither a nation nor society itself can hold together with out certain principles of cohesion-that is, common beliefs, principles recognized and undisputed. Things that are not at the mercy of every caprice of public opinion.

Ideals? Yes; but ideals give a nation unity and solidarity, strength and substance. We have many of these common be liefs in this country. Free speech and a free press are of them but these have been mitigated during the war, for the reason that some who used and exercised these rights abused them, and the public welfare-always paramount-cried "Halt!"

Every insidious attempt to chip or chisel from the granite blocks that form the arches of our national consciousness must be resisted. There must be no weakening of the edifice. It has stood and grown stronger into the second century of its existence and it must remain inviolate. A small thing, maybe-a mere punctum without dimensions, but a punctum saliens, nevertheless. The Monroe doctrine must stand. England will sustain us because she wants a Monroe doctrine for India and in other countries where she has a hegemony.

PRICE DECLINE

Within the past week there has been a significant decline in certain articles of food. It is hinted that a rapid drop means ruin to many speculators.

It is not often that the public is given two such delectable treats as these at the same time. It would be difficult to determine which is the more popular with the masses of the people: the reduction in price or the ruin of those who organized to keep

At least we may say that the reduction will be warmly greeted, and there will be no sympathy for the food speculator. The speculators have had a pleasant and profitable time while it lasted, and it lasted entirely too long to suit the purse of the average individual. Perhaps the only regrettable feature of the affair is that the speculators will not lose all they have dishonestly gained.

The report says the sudden and unexpected end of the war found large quantities of foodstuffs upon the hands of the cold storage operatives, where the middlemen expected to dispose of the articles in such amounts as would make for a continuation of high prices.

The prices might have dropped under normal circumstances with the signing of the armistice, but the speculators bolstered them in the belief that the devastated regions of Europe would require more food than we were accustomed to send while the war was being waged. But the deception could not be continued indefinitely, and if the bottom drops out the consumer will have enough to rejoice over to make amends for many days of worry and nights of sleeplessness in the immediate past.

SIMPLE PROBLEM

It would be difficult to conceive of a simpler problem than the one confronting the people of Memphis and Shelby county relative to their schools. It is essentially a lack of housing accommodations for an ever-increasing number of school chil-

The situation is bad, but it is not new. It is not the result of a lack of ability, lack of interest or anything else except a

The city will require about \$500,000 and the county about \$300,000 to provide school buildings to adequately care for the pupils. There is no doubt that provision should be made for securing this money, which must be done by an enabling act passed by the legislature. This is a matter for the consideration of the mayor and city commissioners.

PUT A STOP TO IT

A crime wave seems to be spreading over the country. In order to satisfy ourselves that it is not a local enterprise we have examined the newspapers printed in several of the other Southern cities, and find that they are confronted with about the same situation that we are.

There are too many houses burglarized, too many hold-up artists on the streets, too many automobiles stolen and too much of the character of crime that portends the culmination of a tragedy for the officials not to take drastic steps to sup-

A married woman who owns a private estate should be permitted to dispose of it as she chooses. She is no slave. The Bejach bill should not be molested. When a husband deeds his property to his wife she cannot deed it back to him, it is claimed. If so, correct this defect and let the bill stand. When a husband deeds his property to his wife long enough to defeat his creditors through the statute of limitations, when she restores it to him the claims of creditors should be validated just the same as if he had been out of the state.

Germany's organizing four great armies is not in consonance with either the letter or spirit of the armistice. Gen. Foch has the floor.

In heaven there is no marrying or giving in marriage, which will make of it an inhospitable place for Nat Goodwin

Memphis is too considerable a city to be ignored by any traveling grand opera company.

The Irish republic must be on its good behavior. It has not declared war on anyone yet.

Oh, Man! -By Briggs
Coppright, 1919, by the Tribune Association (New York Tribune).













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WHAT A DOLLAR USED TO DO.

Back in the old burg a dollar was quite a piece of money and it made a regular noise. Nowadays it doesn't make any more noise than a feather falling on a plush carpet in the house next door.

Regarding eats, a dollar used to speak with some authority. We

remember when the members of our frat back in the old town de-cided to give a dinner party. There were to be 40 at the party, and the committee went and laid the plans before Lem Higgins, proprietor of the O. K. restaurant. The menu was to be rather elaborate for our town, including stuffed celery, grilled chicken, endive salad, tri-colored ice cream and coffee.

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We asked Lem if he could do it for \$2.

Lem figured on it for a day or two and then told the committee he could furnish the layout for \$2.15, but he couldn't do it for a cent less. "I would like to accommodate you boys," he said, "but the chickens alone will cost me nearly \$2, although I raise them myself."

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for the whole feed. When we paid him the \$50 he retired to private life and gave the

has made a practice of writing mining prospectuses. "At last,"

learn to do without the things he can't get.

One of the first developments of the so-called peace is the reap pearance of Harry Thaw in his old place on the first page. What d'ye mean, peace?

in Holland and will have their old Potsdam furniture. That tremendous sigh of relief which sounds like the first "bla" of a Kansas cyclone dous sign of reflet which sounds had comes from the aged Count Bentinck.

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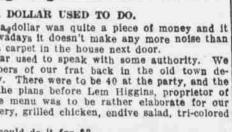
your helplessness may become whole-hess and strength. Tender hands will serve you. Friends will cheer your long days of waiting. Teachers, books, happy hours of story telling and play all await you. You are to come to us. Soon we are to see you and lead you out into the beautiful world where the well, strong children run and play all day long.

Dear little children, God give to us

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Dear little children, God give to us all hearts so generous toward you that not one of you who need us shall be turned away. We shall gather you as a shepherd gathers the lambs in his strong arms, to bear their helplessness into the quiet fold of safety.

C. H. WILLIAMSON.



He didn't know that we meant \$2 a plate. He thought the \$2 was

restaurant to his nephew.

A description of heaven is to be written and published by a ma says Walter Pulitzer, "we shall have the real thing."

Ben De Casseres says one can get all one wants in life if he can

Count Hohenzollern and friend wife have taken a modern castle

Any fellow who smokes those 8-cent cigars can testify that there

was a bumper hemp crop in this country last year. We can't figure why some restaurants insist upon mixing coment

One of the problems of peace is how to prevail upon the dear girls

What appears to the McPherson Republican man as frenzied finance: "J. T. Wedle, of southeast of town, brought in 13 turkeys yesterday, which he sold. On his way home he stopped at the Bonham sale and bought nine head of hogs, paid for them out of the check he

A scientist says every woman should have a certain number of hours of play every day. Has this scientist never heard of our Neigh-

Just a Moment DAILY STRENGTH AND CHEER. Compiled by John G. Quinius, the Sunshine Man.

Be blameless as the steward of God
a lover of hospitality—Titus i. 8.
Christ's mission was to make known
the love of heaven, and to awaken and
foster love bn earth. He lived to increase the love of man to God and the
love of man to man, and nothing which
could serve either of these ends was
unimportant in His eyes.

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En Route West. WALTER HINES.

DIRECTOR OF Railroads.

ON THE back of the door. IN OUR washroom.

ON A transcontinental train.

IF WE have any complaints.

AND YOU'RE his successor.

AND I suppose it's all right.

BOUND INTO the West.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

MY DEAR Walter.

THERE IS a letter. FROM MR. McAdoo.

AND THE letter says.

OR WORDS of praise.

TO LET him know.

TO WRITE to you.

AND I want to tell you.

THAT FOR several years.

I'VE BEEN making trips.

BACK INTO the East.

AND ALWAYS before.

IT'S BEEN very cold.

AND THE prairie lands.

AND BANDS of sheep,

THAT THEY let run wild.

TO KEEP themselves warm.

WHEN THE driving winds.

WHERE THE fence line runs.

HAVE BEEN huddled up.

AND IVE seen the time.

AND THE bitter cold.

HAVE PILED them up.

BY THE railroad track.

WHEN I came in here. TO WRITE to you.

AND JUST today.

AND KILLED them there.

I'D BEEN sitting outside.

ON THE rear platform.

AND THE sun is warm.

AND THE plains run off.

AND THERE is no snow.

AND THE air is soft,

ARE PLAYING a game,

THAT LOOKS to me.

LIKE A game of tag.

IN MILD content.

AND THE cows look on.

AND CHEW their cuds.

AND FARTHER away.

THE BANDS of sheep.

ARE MOVING about.

LIKE VAST white rugs.

AND BEYOND the fence.

THE ROAMING horses.

AND LIFT their heads.

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PRINCESS

CEASE TO graze.

OEW'S

AS IT is in May.

AND CLIMB into the hills.

AND THE half-grown steers.

HAVE BEEN covered with snow,

AND THE horses and cattle.

FROM OUT here in the West

AT THIS time of the year.

AS THE train speeds by, AND MR. Hines, I JUST wanted to tell you.

THAT SO far as I know.

AT THIS time of the year, THEY NEVER had such weather, ALONG THE railroad tracks. WHILE THE railroads. WERE UNDER private control.

I THANK you

NOT AS IT SEEMS.

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Suddenly in the midst of the dance she stopped.

Her face paled and a look of ineffable pain burned in her eyes.

"Take—me—away!" she faltered.
Leaning heavily on his arm she found herself presently in the conservatory. There amid the paims they sat, silent, unheeding the distant strains of melody which called them to the ballroom.

"Tell me," he said at last.
Silently she shook her head.
Capt. Marmaduke arose to his full height, folded his arms, set his jaws and knitted his heavy brows.

"Anastasia," he said huskily, "you are hiding something from me."
Guiltily she nodded.

"You have a secret sorrow!"
Again she nodded.

"Someone has come between us?"

"No. No! No!" she cried, "Not that"

"Then tell me!"

"If you must know," she replied in measured tones, "if you must know—you—have—stepped—on—my—corns!"

CONFOUNDED OUTSIDER.

That confounded outsider! He has demoralized not only the workers but the capitalista, too, as a class. There was a time when our capitalists were a decent enough, moderate lot. The reason so many are such hors today is that they are outsiders. If Rockefeller had begun as a capitalist he might have been moderate, but he began as a poor boy, unfortunately. Hence he has quite overdone it. Instead of stopping his pling up of wealth at some reasonable figure, he has gone to extremes that are preposterous. This may yet wreck the system.—The New Republic.

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